

A Layman Looks At The Cooperative Program

By Hal Wingo

What follows, in case anybody wants to get off right here, is a discussion of the Cooperative Program. And that, let's face it, means talking about money. Stewardship. Budget finance. The program of paying for the collective will of the people, albeit a rather mysterious will of the people, who know that CP is out there somewhere doing good, even when they are not sure just where or in what fashion.

Most Southern Baptists, in fact, have only a passing knowledge of where the money goes. Quick now, for undesignated gifts sent to national coffers, how much of every Cooperative Program dollar goes to foreign missions: 65, 47, or 35 cents? How much to home missions: 47, 31, or 18 cents? This Christian Life Commission: 10, 5, or 3 cents? (A clue here — any number from that last set of figures is so far above the facts that the amount would glaze the eyes of Christian Life Executive Secretary Foy Valentine).

Answers anon.

The depth of understanding of the

Cooperative Program among its supporters has never been accurately fathomed, though the safe money says it isn't very deep. That suspicion only compounds the sense of confused admiration evident among outsiders.

To many non-Baptists, the idea that a group of people so fiercely independent, not only of ecumenical councils but often of each other, could do anything this grand on a strictly voluntary basis is nothing less than one of the true miracles of the faith.

While other mainline denominations are snatching missionaries home by the collar and closing down national agencies in admitted acts of retrenchment, the Cooperative Program stands out almost as an embarrassment of riches. Last year, its total receipts for state and denominational work topped \$90 million. (But only one-third of this went to national funds.) And everyone must know by now that Southern Baptists went over the billion dollar mark in total giving for the first time in 1972. By measuring standards used for Fortune magazine's list of the top 500

businesses, Southern Baptists' giving alone would have put them well up on the list, just behind Campbell's soup and ahead of General Tire and Rubber.

For those who take comfort in size, it was a very good year. And yet, hidden in those glowing figures are signs that the Cooperative Program, as it approaches its 50th birthday, is increasingly threatened by the lure of smaller benevolent and missionary programs which appeal more directly and simply to local congregations who like to see just where their money is going. If you liked Explor '72, you'll love supporting Campus Crusade for Christ. If Billy Graham is your favorite television personality, it is natural to send your money to Minneapolis. There are enough worthy causes around today to drive a good man crazy, and the competition is getting stiffer all the time.

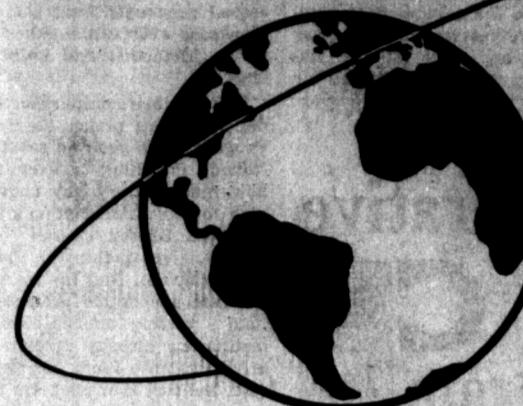
Scope of Cooperative Program

The ambitious scope of the Cooperative Program necessarily includes some Baptist work little known to many people (what is the Southern

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Four New Leaders Announced For 'Restore Gulfshore' Drive

Four new leaders to serve in the current statewide "Restore Gulfshore" campaign to raise \$1,250,000 toward rebuilding the assembly, have been announced by Dr. David Grant, Jackson, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church and general chairman of the campaign.

Henry Holman, Jr., Jackson, president, Jitney Jungle Stores of America, was named chairman of the Special Gifts Division.

Hayes Callicutt, Jackson attorney, a partner in the firm of Satterfield, Shell, Williams and Buford, was announced as vice-chairman of the division.

Dr. Grant said that John Mobley, vice-president and general manager of the Jackson office of South Central Bell Telephone Co., was named as Special Gifts chairman of Area No. Seven, which includes Jackson and the surrounding territory.

Paul McMullan, president of the First National Bank of Hattiesburg, was selected as Special Gifts chairman of Area No. Six, which includes Hattiesburg and the Gulf Coast Area.

Dr. Grant said that additional leaders to complete the campaign organizational structure would be announced soon.

'Faith And Message' Group Starts Its Own Magazine

ATLANTA (BP) — The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, a group of Southern Baptists concerned with alleged "inroads of liberalism" within the denomination, announced here their sponsorship of a new publication, The Southern Baptist Journal.

William A. Powell of Atlanta, the newly named editor, indicated that a major concern of the group and its publication will be "the infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible."

The Bible, missions and evangelism will be prominent positive emphases of the group, Powell said.

Powell has resigned effective Nov. 1 as a staff member of the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, where he served as a consultant in bus

evangelism.

"One of our purposes will be to dis-

courage churches from withdrawing from our denomination and to prevent any split within our denomina-

tion," Powell said.

The journal will be published month-

ly on newsprint in a 16 to 32 page format, and Powell said subscriptions, advertising and gifts from individuals and churches will finance it.

He said churches have been asked not to divert mission gifts to the publication.

He indicated the publication would point out to its readers where it believed individuals employed by the SBC had taken doctrinal positions contrary to those adopted by the body.

He said the group would form a literature committee to read all of the publications of Southern Baptists to detect what they feel are departures from the positions of "the Baptist Faith and Message," a statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963.

While Powell said he would not editorially advocate the firing of individuals, he did say that he does not "think it proper for anyone to be employed by Southern Baptist funds to teach in our schools or in our litera-

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FMB Adopts Record Budget; Appoints 23 Missionaries

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting here, approved a record \$42,425,284 budget and appointed 23 new missionaries.

The board also honored Baker J. Cauthen during a luncheon recognizing his 20th anniversary as executive secretary.

In other action, the board elected a new slate of officers and selected a new radio-tv representative for Africa.

The 1974 budget exceeds that of 1973 by \$3,533,287. "This budget is made necessary by the realities of projecting mission work in 77 countries with a staff of more than 2,500 missionaries amid escalating inflation and dollar devaluation," Cauthen said.

He told board members that over \$19 million of the budget will be used to send and support missionaries, over \$12 million will provide for work in the field, while over \$5 million will be available for building projects.

Cauthen emphasized that all home-base expenses combined amount to less than one per cent of the total budget. "We thank God for the long-standing record of low home-base administrative costs which enables such a large amount of the mission funds to be used directly on the fields," he said.

Speaking of the two main channels of foreign missions giving, Cauthen said, "the Cooperative Program is the lifeline of all missionary effort, both at home and throughout the world. It is the basic money upon which we rely

for the projection of worldwide missionary labor.

"Gifts through the Cooperative Program are reinforced by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which enables us to go twice as far in world outreach as otherwise would be possible," he stated.

Twenty-three new missionaries were appointed to serve in 10 countries.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson of Miss. to South America; Mr. and Mrs. P.

Frank Crosby of Tex. to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenneth Gaskin of Fla. to Dahomey; Miss Annette Hall of Va. to Jordan; Miss Jeni Hester of Tex. to Colombia; and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Holder of Tex. to Colombia.

Also, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Holt Jr. of Tex. to Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton K. Hulet of Okla. to North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward Nicholson of Tex. to Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Purle of Ark. to Dominican Republic; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson

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Missions Official Evaluates Middle Eastern Conflict

By John D. Hughey

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East, surrounded by the fourth outbreak of war between the Arabs and Jews in the past 25 years, apparently have no intention of using the option given them by their Foreign Mission Board to leave the area.

Millions of people in the Middle East have never known peace, as dis-

trust and hatred permeate the area like dark and dirty fog.

Southern Baptists have 27 missionaries to Israel now in that country and 12 more in the states. A recent cable from Israel reported "everyone fine." A cable from the Gaza Baptist Mission said, "Life is almost normal. (Gaza Baptist) Hospital on emergency standby. All are safe and well."

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Women Set World Day Of Prayer

WACO, Tex. (BP) — Women on six continents will engage in a world-wide Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, Nov. 5.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance, said that several million women of all races and geographic origin are expected to participate in day of prayer.

The day of prayer was begun in Europe as an effort to heal the wounds of World War II and soon grew to a worldwide endeavor.

Reports from last November's day of prayer services came from points in the USSR, including both Moscow and Siberia, from African villages and from large cities of Asia.

Some reports from the United States indicated interracial prayer efforts helped bind up divisions that have hindered cooperative activities for decades, according to the Baptist World Alliance.

More than 100,000 copies of the English language edition of a 16-page program book for the day of prayer have been printed and distributed.

Some 100 copies of the manuscript were mailed to remote areas even before the English edition was printed, so they could be translated and published in other languages.

Mrs. Mathis estimates that some 200,000 copies are available in 100 languages.

Mrs. Mathis, current leader of the international Baptist women's movement, is director of the student union at Baylor University, Waco, and serves also as president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Student Convention Set For Starkville

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at the First Baptist Church, Starkville, Nov. 9-11.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor, said that students would attend from more than 30 schools and colleges in the state.

David Jones, student at Mississippi State, and president of the State Baptist Student Convention, will preside.

Principal speakers will be Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr.

Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer-elect of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mrs. Frances Spain, Louisiana Department of Education, Baton Rouge; Grady Nutt, professional entertainer, and formerly member of faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Glenn Inglehart, director of Interfaith Witness for Eastern States of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Batson, a native of Wiggins, Miss., received the bachelor of music degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of church music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Batson has been a church secretary and elementary school teacher in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

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sor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The convention will get underway (Continued on page 5)



Cooperative Receipts Up 11.2% For Year

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first nine months of this year, through September, totaled \$3,917,512, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$394,888 or 11.2 percent over the \$3,522,624 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for September totaled \$323,138, a decrease of \$86,407 or 21.1 percent under the \$409,545 given in September of last year.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.



RICHMOND—During an Oct. 9 meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 23 missionaries were added to the overseas staff. Among those selected five are affiliated with Mississippi. They are (bottom row) Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson, assigned to South America; (left to right, top row) Rev. and Mrs. Jere A. Wilson, to Brazil; Miss Rachel DuBard, to Liberia. All are appointed as career missionaries, excepting Miss DuBard. She is employed as a missionary associate.

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Baptist Foundation? the Historical Commission?), and however beneficial that work might be, it has to compete with a lot of high - visibility benevolence making inroads on church giving. In Texas, whose record of giving is significant because it provides twice as much as any other state to the national Cooperative Program budget, the percentage of gifts from state receipts sent on to the national office has not increased since 1967.

More dramatically, the conventionwide average of gifts to the Cooperative Program has grown slowly but steadily down from 10.13 percent of total church receipts to 8.54 in 1972.

If part of the problem is the size of a unified program which puts so much distance between donor and deed, it is something of an irony that direct personal appeals were what Baptists voted to get away from when the Cooperative Program was started.

As Baptist work began to mushroom in the early years of this century, the churches found themselves confronting a new solicitor almost every Sunday seeking support for some school, hospital, orphanage, or mission program operated by Southern Baptists. This haphazard approach to the Great Commission bothered businessmen in the churches who began calling for "more business in religion." Despite rejoinders from advocates of the old method that what was really needed was "more religion in business" the idea of budget controls and unified financial appeals seemed increasingly urgent.

America's entry into World War I had a unifying effect on the population in matters of organization and cooperation which seems absolutely antediluvian in light of our more recent history. A committee report to the 1919 Convention urged Southern Baptists to adopt for themselves "the altruistic spirit, enlarged vision and thorough methods of organization that have come from our experience with the World War."

The Convention voted to raise \$75 million for all causes over the next five years, set up a commission to organize the campaign, and in an unsuspecting portent of computerized proliferation to come, opened an office in Nashville. Within six months the program had been overpledged by \$20 million, though the hard economic realities of 1920 - 24 limited collections to \$58.5 million. But the idea of a united campaign had caught on, and the 1927 Convention formally resolved that the Convention's giving and financing henceforth be known as the Cooperative Program.

Getting the system down to 25 words or less, it operates essentially like this: Individual churches contribute to state conventions, which keep a predetermined percent for state work and forward the balance for agencies serving the entire denomination.

Each state convention votes annually on what percent of Cooperative Program receipts it will keep within its area and what percent it will forward to Nashville.

At Nashville the money falls into the hands of the Executive Committee. This committee of pastors and laymen, elected by the SBC, meets quarterly to handle the affairs of the Convention between annual sessions. One of these affairs is the distribution of the denominational receipts, including all special offerings, such as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Weekly Payments Made

On receipts of money from the various states, the Executive Committee treasurer makes weekly payments to the authorized Southern Baptist agencies. Those agencies are under close restriction as to any fund - raising drives on their own among the churches. The big exceptions are the special offerings for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards promoted to the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission. Also, individual churches do not indicate how they want their gifts to the Cooperative Program divided between state and national work. Those figures are voted at the annual state convention and are applicable to all gifts sent to the Cooperative Program. Any spe-

cific gifts to particular agencies must be forwarded by the churches as a designated gift and not counted toward Cooperative Program contributions. Everybody got all that?

This system, built on a fragile framework of voluntarism, has worked remarkably well for most of its 50 years. With the exception of capital needs, there has never been a year when less money came into the national program than was budgeted for

000 to \$20,000 a year from bingo alone). On these combined receipts a diocesan tax — usually 5 percent — is computed for the work of the area bishop and his staff. Designated gifts for Rome and special missions are not subject to the tax. It is interesting to note that Catholics are not assessed payments from the church hierarchy even to the extent practiced in the Methodist and Lutheran churches.

This surface comparison with other denominations makes the Cooperative Program look good on several counts. Nobody is telling or even suggesting how much money any church should give to the denomination's work. One Southern Baptist church in seven, in fact, gives nothing to the Cooperative Program. And for the most part, Baptists are better protected against fund - raising appeals from various institutions already receiving Cooperative Program funds. On the negative side, the fact that agencies don't have to come around asking for money assures their anonymity with many churchmen.

There are actually two Cooperative Programs in which every participating church is involved financially:

The state, which supports colleges, hospitals, children's homes, and evangelism within state boundaries, and the national program, which supports the broader work. The recommendations on the national program are made by the Executive Committee when it prepares the budget for presentation and adoption at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Agency heads trapse to Nashville loaded with charts and slides for marathon sessions filled with urgent pleas for additional percentages. At the national level, 20 agencies are financed by the Cooperative Program, with foreign and home missions getting 47 and 18 cents, respectively, from every undesignated dollar reaching Nashville.

The remaining 35 cents is divided between: six seminaries for a total of 24 cents on the dollar, the Radio and Television Commission, 5 cents, and Brotherhood Commission, 1 cent (the WMU, in a burst of pre-women's lib independence, has never been an agency of the SBC, and does not receive funds from the Cooperative Program; it is supported for the most part by the sale of literature to its organizations within the churches). Other work receiving less than a penny from each dollar includes the Christian Life Commission, Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Foundation, Historical Commission, Education Commission, Stewardship Commission, Committee on Public Affairs, American Baptist Seminary, and the Convention operating budget.

United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. — Designated allotments expected from each church were abandoned several years ago in favor of a completely voluntary system of giving. The denomination does suggest a guideline of 20 percent of total church receipts for all denominational agencies funded by the local, regional and national boards.

Lutheran Church in America — Each synod is assigned an apportionment of the national budget which it is expected to meet. Synods then add their operating costs and divide the total amount among local congregations, based on straight per capita assessments or past giving records of the churches.

The Episcopal Church — Receipts from the local parish are divided into two categories, a mandatory assessment for the support of the diocesan bishop and his staff and voluntary gifts to the general church program. Each diocese is requested to contribute a specific amount to the national budget, but the dioceses are free to pledge whatever amount of support they may choose.

United Methodist Church — General church (national) support is based on apportionments to the various regional conferences, who then apportion that amount among local congregations. Each church votes on the acceptance of its apportionment, and substantial numbers of the churches regularly vote to provide less than the amount requested.

Catholic Figures Emerging

Roman Catholic Church — Financial giving and budgets in the Roman Catholic Church have traditionally been as sacrosanct as the confessional. Thanks to an awakened Catholic laity spawned by Vatican Council II, the figures are slowly coming to light. Under Canon law, the local pastor is free to handle the financial affairs of the church in complete privacy, reporting once a year to his bishop. Receipts at the parish level are divided into ordinary weekly collections, including donations for special mass and devotions, and extraordinary proceeds from such sources as cake sales, bazaars, poor-box donations, and bingo (in New York state, a typical parish can raise \$15,

whatever the percentage of gifts to the national office, every dollar received there is divided according to the formula recommended by the Executive Committee and approved at the annual Convention. The states follow a like process.

This means that all Southern Baptists have approved the distribution quotas for their collective gifts to the denomination's national work. Well, doesn't it? Theoretically, yes. In practice, far from it. Denominational leaders are well aware that one of the Cooperative Program's most serious problems is the magnitude of the enthusiasm and identity gap which sets it apart from its constituents.

John Claypool, pastor of Ft. Worth's Broadway Baptist Church, feels that the average church member looks on Cooperative Program giving

pretty much like paying federal taxes. "I'm afraid to say that in most cases they don't care where the money goes, although part of this is simply the kind of trust that one has to exercise in a complex society. You can't get minutely involved in every decision, and many simply assume the denomination knows what it is doing and, therefore, don't give it any more thought."

That willingness to let others handle the funding priorities has never been betrayed by the Convention's Executive Committee, and one obvious attraction of the Cooperative Program for many Southern Baptists is the very fact that they don't have to worry about where the money will go. Donors can rest assured that their dollars will not get sucked into any wild - eyed schemes to help the likes of Angela Davis (a la United Presbyterians), James Foreman's Black Economic Development Council (The Episcopal Church), or draft dodgers in Canada (American Lutheran Church). No, a Cooperative Program dollar is a safe dollar, bound straight as an arrow into the traditional mission outreach of Southern Baptists.

The program with the most widespread appeal among Southern Baptists has always been foreign missions. The Lottie Moon Offering exceeds all other special denominational offerings by huge percentages and increases the Foreign Mission Board's share of the total national receipts to 60 cents on the dollar.

That 60 cents now supports more than 2,500 foreign missionaries in 77 countries, and the list of vocational specialties encompasses 25 classifications, including agricultural specialists, veterinarians, pilots, radio and TV representatives, and business administrators.

Foreign missions is clearly the biggest single thing Southern Baptists do. But doesn't everybody know that? Is that what the majority want? Has anybody ever asked you for your opinion on where the Cooperative Program dollars should go? Do you

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The Cooperative Program

A 50-50 Chance Is Not Enough

By Billie Pate

What would happen today in the Southern Baptist Convention if all Cooperative Program funds were suddenly stopped or cut off?

Imagine these results:

Six seminaries, forth-three senior colleges and universities, and twenty-four junior colleges, academies, and Bible schools would either close or would greatly reduce their services, the salaries of over 2,500 overseas missionaries would stop, approximately 50 percent of the Home Mission Board's work would cease, thirty-three state conventions would begin winding down their work, and thirty-nine hospitals would turn away thousands of persons in critical need of medical attention.

Five To Serve Overseas

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Sissippi College and Perkinston (Miss.) Junior College.

The Batsons have four daughters. Cindy was born in 1961; Angie, 1964; Lisa, 1968; and Laurie, 1971.

Miss DuBard was employed as a missionary associate to West Africa, Oct. 9, during a meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She expects to be a secondary education teacher in Liberia.

Currently a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS), Miss DuBard expects to receive the master of religious education degree in December. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Kenner, La.

A Mississippian, Miss DuBard was born in Carroll County and lived in Jefferson. She received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton. She also attended Mississippi State University, State College; University of Mississippi, University; and Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss.

Prior to entering NOBTS, Miss DuBard taught school in Carrollton and Grenada, Miss., and New Orleans.

The Wilsons expect to serve in Brazil.

Currently their home church is Travis Avenue Baptist, Fort Worth, Texas.

They are coming into their new mission posts from the First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Okla., where he was associate pastor and she church secretary.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Atlanta, Ga.; and attended Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. While attending Carey he met Miss Joyce Braswell, his wife-to-be.

He was also graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Aurora, Ill., but her parents were from Mississippi.



The Convention President Speaks

Over the years that I have had the privilege of serving my Lord, I have seen Him at work in various and sundry ways. This has been true in the local church, in domestic situations, and in denominational circles.

But my relationship to the fund-raising campaign for the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly has proved to me that God's hand is on this project in such a way as few things I have ever seen. This thought is applicable to churches and individuals.

Even though we suggested October 21 as the day of action, many churches have already taken action. I have received letters from large and small churches, from city, town, and country churches, from churches with large and small budgets, and from churches from all sections of this state, saying, "We want a part in this cause. We have voted the two percent to be included in our budget."

It has been my privilege to sit in plumb offices with some of the best known, most influential, busiest and wealthiest businessmen of this state. I have heard and seen them accept responsibility for work and heard them make pledges of money for this cause. I have heard businessmen — busy men — express concern about our delay in providing such a facility. I have prayed with businessmen in their offices and in automobiles about the matter.

This is truly an exciting adventure. I am convinced God is in it and I thank Him for the privilege of having just a very small part of His great cause. — David Grant.

has broadcast its morning services over an A.M. and F.M. station in Greenville. An associate pastor has been added to the church staff, along with a full - time church secretary.

Mr. Raddin's denominational service includes having served as first vice - president of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention in 1971; as moderator of his association; and for the past six years as a member of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention Board.

lar blessing and forgetting to thank him for his day-by-day blessings and care. It is the day-by-day routine needs that are met by the Cooperative Program. Without the missionary salary, funds for travel, and evangelistic monies there would be no need for special mission offerings.

Recently, when a missionary was asked about her confidence in the Cooperative Program as the mainline of mission support, she responded:

"Maybe the best testimony I could give for the Cooperative Program is my own feeling. It is so easy to see Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds at work — a church building, a missionary residence, a mission car, a movie projector, and Bible films. These are so evident. And we are constantly aware of them and grateful for them. But to me it is a bit like thanking God for some spectacula-

This missionary spoke from the heart and out of her own experience. A recent survey conducted by the Home Mission Board substantiates this complementary relationship between the Cooperative Program and the two special mission offerings. The experience of more than 6,000 churches indicates that the Cooperative Program and the special mission offerings support rather than erode one another.

The survey findings show that when a church contributes a large amount through the Cooperative Program, the church will contribute more to all other causes. The same principle seems to apply to the giving patterns of church members. In churches where the per capita income is higher than average, the Cooperative Program per capita giving is high, and so is the giving through the special offerings.

With both the mainline support of the Cooperative Program and the undergirding by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Southern Baptists continue to gather strength in their world mission effort. Without either one or the other of these channels, Southern Baptists have only a 50-50 chance for continuing a measurable impact in sharing Christ with the world.

Missionaries Announce

Birth Of Grandson

James and Zelma Foster, missionaries to the Philippines, in their latest newsletter, "Foster Footprints," announce that a new footprint has been added to their family and that a giant step forward has been taken! The letter shows the newest footprint and says that it belongs to Bryan Davis Stringer III, their new grandchild, born September 22, 1973 to Sandi and Bryan D. Stringer, Jr. of Starkville, Ms. The baby's other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Stringer of Canton.

Socialized medicine is when women get together and talk about their operations.

Just why do men lie about each other, when the plain truth would be bad enough?

It may be hard to believe in God, but it's harder not to believe in Him.



Jackson County Begins Two Missions In Gautier

Jackson County Association began two missions during September. Southside Chapel is meeting in the small frame house shown above left. The site on which the meeting place is located contains slightly over eight acres. This work is sponsored by the Ingalls Avenue Church in Pascagoula, Dr. Allen Webb, pastor. The other mission site contains five acres located on Martin Bluff Road in Cambridge Square subdivision. The folk are meeting in the new brick house shown above right

furnished by one of the builders. First Church, Moss Point is the sponsor of this work; Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor. A name has not yet been chosen. The first permanent unit for each chapel will be started soon. Financially, this is a joint effort on the part of the sponsoring churches, the association and state missions. Both of these sites are in Gautier; one in the south and one in the north, according to Rev. Zeno Wells, Jackson County superintendent of missions.



Older Baptists Get Together At Ridgecrest

A Mississippi group attending the Older Baptists Missions Conference at Ridgecrest Conference Center visit with two program personalities in rockers, Glendon McCullough (left), executive director, Brotherhood Commission, and Owen Cooper, SBC president. The Mississippian are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Laurel, Graves Stubblefield of Jackson, and Jerry Clover and Mrs. Owen Cooper, both of Yazoo City.

Missions Official Evaluates Middle Eastern Conflict

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The Foreign Mission Board has called "love, concern and prayerful support" to missionaries in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, Libya and Morocco.

Of course, some danger exists in any war area, and the danger would increase if Israel became a battle field.

Sixty-five of the 84 Southern Baptist missionaries to Arab lands now live on the field. Southern Baptists have no missionaries in Egypt or Syria. Those who serve in other Arab countries are in a difficult position because of America's friendship for Israel.

Also, theologically-inspired statements of a political nature made by some Christians embarrass and perhaps endanger them.

Missionary Paul Smith, in a telephone conversation from Amman, Jordan, said, "Please ask Baptists in America to refrain from making political statements on the Middle East."

He explained that a group in Pennsylvania made a statement that has been broadcast in Arabic every hour from across the border. Jordan is quiet, but political statements on the Middle East at this time could cause trouble, Smith said.

The contradictory reports that come from the two sides of the conflict are

difficult to evaluate. The fighting seems bloodier than in 1967, and it will probably continue longer.

The announced objective of the Syrians and Egyptians is to reclaim land they lost six years ago — the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula. The announced Israeli intention is to drive the Syrians and Egyptians back to the cease-fire lines of 1967.

Most of the nations of the world, with the exception of the United States, maintain that a restoration of the status quo following the Six-day War would contribute little to peace in the Middle East. If either side wins a decisive victory, professed objectives may be forgotten.

Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East are trying to create islands of love in a sea of hatred. Nowhere are such islands needed more. Love abides — and will increase.

To Jews and Arabs, we would say, "God loves you. See the love of God demonstrated in the life and death of Christ. Accept it; accept Him. Then you, whether Jew or Arab, will belong to 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.' (John D. Hughey is the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe and the Middle East.)

—Submitted by W.H. Thompson, director of the Foreign Missions Department.

Church Literature Prices To Increase In April

NASHVILLE (BP) — Increased cost of paper, postage, printing, binding, packaging and shipping will raise prices of most Southern Baptist Sunday School church literature materials about five per cent next April.

"We want to give churches an opportunity to prepare for this in their 1974 budgets so we are making this announcement well in advance," said a board president, James L. Sullivan.

"In the past year we have been able to absorb portion of cost increases," said Allen B. Comish, director of the board's church services and materials division. "Raising prices is never a pleasant experience."

"We had originally scheduled a price increase for October, 1973, but delayed six months," Comish explained. "As a result, we have absorbed more than half the calculated 11 per cent increase allowed by the current Phase IV program of the federal government."

All but three of the board's 111 church literature periodicals (More, Bible Reader's Guide and Test Your Knowledge — Life and Work Series) will be affected by the price increase, with the majority receiving a one to four cent increase, Comish said.

A survey of sample publications shows that Outreach, Church Training, The Church Musician and Church Administration magazines will cost four cents more each quarter than previously.

Church Recreation and Media: Li-

brary Services Journal magazines and Advanced Bible Study will receive an increase of two cents quarterly. Home Life cost will increase three cents each quarter; Baptist Adults one cent, and College, three cents.

Due to paper shortages, all major grades of paper used by the board have increased in cost by 18 to 21 percent in the last year, said John O. Jackson, manager of the procurement department. At the same time, printing, binding and typesetting costs have risen approximately seven per cent.

"Because of the shortage, paper mills are discontinuing less profitable and lightweight grades of paper," added Jackson. "In most cases, we have had to go to heavier paper at additional cost. However, the crisis is yet to come. This problem will be with us for quite some time."

Bulletin, a publication of the National Association of Purchasing Managers, reports that practically every paper mill in the country has announced increases.

The report, by Gerald Ward of the Kingsport (Tenn.) Press, said marginal grades of paper have either been withdrawn or are available in limited quantities.

While in a position to force the buyer to use more profitable grades, paper mills are determined that profits will improve remarkably and now have the leverage to make it happen," Ward's article said.

"Some printers and publishers," the article said, will be "hard pressed to keep pace with the race already on."

Paper industry publications generally attribute increased costs to increased demand, shortage of pulp, pollution controls and increased costs of fuel, freight and labor.

Reportedly 66 paper manufacturing machines were closed in 1972 because of high costs of pollution abatement. Estimates indicate the industry will spend over \$500 million for pollution controls this year and a similar amount in 1974.

In addition to the paper crisis, postage increases have added to the Sunday School Board's publishing costs. "Second class postage has risen 12.5 per cent over last year," said H. S. Simpson, materials services department manager.

The board mails approximately 14 million pounds of materials each year, of which 12 million pounds require second class postage.

The cost of packaging materials has risen 25 per cent while other transportation costs of shipping materials have risen 10 per cent Simpson said.

Increased prices of all church literature materials for the April 1974 quarter will be listed on the Church Literature Order Form for January, 1974, quarter.

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Faith And Message' Group Starts Its Own Magazine

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The Baptist Faith and Message statement includes 17 such articles.

Powell, in resigning from the mission board, said, "There are many who share with deep concern the inroads that liberalism is beginning to make within our great denomination."

"A lack of faith in the Bible as the infallible word of God — truth without any mixture of error — is being precipitated by a few teachers and writers in some strategic places within our denomination," he charged. "And the ever-enlarging emphasis placed upon the old social gospel is dulling

some of the cutting edges in evangelism."

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Members were then asked to name four agencies supported by the national Cooperative Program, other than foreign and home missions. Thirty-nine percent could name none, and among other agencies listed, seminaries were the best known, followed by the Sunday School Board, which does not receive Cooperative Program funds. Ironically, the Annuity Board, which is essentially a pension and retirement plan for full-time church workers, was much better known than the Radio and Television Commission or the Christian Life Commission.

The percentage of undesignated (Cooperative Program) receipts going to home and foreign missions was not well understood. Less than 10 percent knew the approximate figure for foreign missions, while 25 percent correctly estimated gifts to home missions. Most respondents thought the Foreign Mission Board was getting considerably less than the amount it receives and the Home Mission Board was getting considerably more than it receives.

By more than two to one, the respondents felt they actually had no voice in how the Cooperative Program funds are spent, and 47 percent said they did not care.

These figures could be interpreted as an impressive vote of confidence in the Executive Committee — which in part they certainly are — and they probably reflect the attitude of a great many Southern Baptists. Routh recalls that in his 21 years with the Executive Committee, that group's recommended budget has never been changed by action at the Convention.

To the statement of confidence which that may suggest, add the possibility of indifference — a path to the Convention's highest priorities. After all, Baptists are not prone to indifference at the local level, where their mindsets have been known to split churches faster than they can spell reconciliation.

And perhaps the indifference about distant affairs is fostered by a widely held secular view which says that one person's opinion no longer makes any difference in our society. That should be an unacceptable attitude for Christians.

If Cooperative Program money were continuing to pile up in ever higher percentages, maybe the questions could be put off a little longer. But the tide is going the other way. For all that Southern Baptists are able to do collectively, it is important that a deeper sense of involvement be encouraged for everyone.

(Hal Wingo is a professional jour-

Missions MediaPak

The Missions MediaPak was prepared by the Foreign Mission Board to enrich the 1973 Foreign Missions Graded Series.

The package contains learning aids for children, youth, and adults. The thirty-six mission items are designed for you to mix and match, to use and adapt as you like.

Missions MediaPak, distributed by Broadman, sells for \$14.95. It is available at discount through the CAVE Plan or at retail price through Baptist Book Stores.

Write to Broadman Consumer Sales, Nashville, Tennessee 37234 for more information about the CAVE plan.

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Some of the cutting edges in evangelism...

Powell, a native of Dothan, Ala., is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has served as a pastor in Alabama and Illinois, as superintendent of missions in Chicago and in the department of survey and special studies at the Home Mission Board.

In commenting on evangelism, Powell said, "I long for the day when our convention will show proper priority for evangelism by giving this division (at the Home Mission Board) the status of a commission. I feel this will result in more support and the freedom necessary for evangelizing our nation."

The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, recently incorporated as a non-profit organization under Georgia law, listed as board of directors M. O. Owens Jr. of Gastonia, N. C.; Laverne Butler of Louisville, Ky.; Bill Sutton of Orlando, Fla., and Leroy Cooper of East Point, Ga.

Wingo is a Baptist deacon in Greenwich, Conn. This article appeared simultaneously in September, 1973, issues of the commission (FMB) and Home Missions (HMB) and is used by permission.



Share His Love

"Friendship Evangelism Most Effective" Says The Queen's Honorary Chaplain

"Friendship evangelism" — sharing Christ out of a relationship of understanding, friendship and mutual respect — is the most effective method of evangelism.

Unfortunately it's the least popular method because it's the most exacting, observes the Rev. John R. W. Stott, honorary chaplain to the Queen of England.

Dr. Stott, rector of All Souls' Church in London, and author of more than a dozen books, shares the feeling of Owen Cooper, Southern Baptist Convention president, that evangelism belongs to laymen.

"The real evangelism of the Church should be done by lay people," he says. "The minister's role in the church is to train, teach and lead believers into Christian maturity, then send them out into evangelism."

He believes a friendship basis is still the best method for evangelism al-

FMB Adopts Record Budget

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and Mrs. Jere A. Wilson, formerly of Ga. and Miss., to Brazil.

Employed as a missionary associate to Liberia was Miss Rachel Dubard of Miss.

The board also selected Zebedee V. Moss, missionary to Zambia, as the board's new radio - tv representative for Africa.

Moss will coordinate the use of mass communications and serve as a consultant to the various missions of Africa, south of the Sahara. He will initially live somewhere in Eastern or Southern Africa, but will also serve the missions in West Africa, a board spokesman said. Moss was appointed by the board in 1959.

W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss., was reelected to his second term as president of the board. Hudgins is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Other new officers elected by the board are Eldred M. Taylor of Somerset, Ky., as first vice president; Robert B. Bass of Richmond, as second vice president; and Mrs. Thomas C. Womble Jr. of Clemmons, N. C., as recording secretary. Miss Elizabeth Minshew of the board's executive staff was reelected assistant recording secretary.

Let us not pray for lighter burdens but for stronger backs.

Isn't it funny how some people can remember a joke, but can't seem to recall an unpaid bill?



New FMB Officers Talk With Dr. Cauthen

RICHMOND — The Foreign Mission Board's newly elected slate of officers talk with Baker J. Cauthen (right), the board's executive secretary. W. Douglas Hudgins (left) of Jackson, Miss., executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was reelected to his second term as president. Other new officers (left to right) are Eldred M. Taylor of Somerset, Ky., first vice president; Robert B. Bass of Richmond, second vice president; and Mrs. Thomas C. Womble Jr. of Clemmons, N. C., recording secretary.



Make Plans For High School Weekend

Blue Mountain College freshman officers for 1973-74 are shown at their first planning meeting for High School Weekend. Left to right: Sue Thomas, treasurer; Jo Ellen Richardson, secretary; Dr. Charles Clark, professor of art, sponsor; Rose Aldridge, chaplain; and Sue Ann Putnam, vice-president. Seated front is Nancy Webb, president. The Freshman Class will host all guests for Blue Mountain's High School Weekend at the college November 17 and 18.

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EDITORIAL

The Cooperative Program Merits Support

For many years the Baptist Record has issued a special Cooperative Program issue each fall. The following are paragraphs taken from editorials written for issues of the past 12 years. As we have read back through the bound copies, we find that these words are as timely today as they were when they were written. They express our convictions about the Cooperative Program in 1973.

1961

"The Cooperative Program is the basic means for advances we make in our whole Baptist mission program. Through thirty-five years this budget plan has proved itself to be Scriptural, sound, fair, and effective as a means for supporting our whole world program beginning in the local association and reaching to the ends of the earth. The advance that is now demanded by world conditions and the urgent call of God, can best be met through this tested and tried tool."

1962

"The Cooperative Program is not simply dollars, nor merely a budget. It is preaching, teaching, and witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is state missions, home missions, and foreign missions, all in one package. It is Christian education, hospital service and ministry to homeless children.

It is church buildings in needy areas, sending preachers to those who will not otherwise hear them, and placing Bibles in the hands of the people. It is radio missions, television missions and printed page missions. It is winning souls, building Christian lives, and changing homes. It is extending the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ and building a better world, to the glory of God. The Cooperative Program is Mississippi Baptists joining Southern Baptists in preaching the gospel to the whole world."

1963

"The Cooperative Program is the basic Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists world mission program. It supplies the necessary support for every agency and institution. It provides for thousands of missionaries and a multitude of Christian ministries. Until some better method is found for the support of the vast world program Baptists have established, we must continue to give the Cooperative Program our first interest and largest support."

1964 (Condensed)

"The Cooperative Program is: mis-

sions; God-given; comprehensive; all church and all member; equitable; effective; personal; inexpensive; proved; unifying; accepted; changing; improving; trustworthy. The reasons for support of the Cooperative Program are so many, and so strong, that they completely overshadow any reasons which may be given against such support."

1965

"The gift of any Baptist, no matter how small, given through his church as it supports the Cooperative Program, becomes a part of all the work that Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists are doing. It is as if God gives miraculous wings to the tithes and offerings the church member brings to his church and uses them to spread the gospel around the world. They become miracle dollars, used of God to open the way for every Baptist to share in His world program. What a miracle, and what a blessing, that every individual Baptist can become a partner with God, and with his fellow Christians, in the greatest work in the world—witnessing for Jesus Christ."

1966

"World spiritual needs are growing ever larger and Southern Baptists can best help meet those needs on a worldwide scale through increased support of world missions through the Cooperative Program."

1967

"Southern Baptists always have believed the truth taught by missions Professor Dr. W. O. Carver in his book *All the World in All the Word*. In putting their beliefs into practice they have developed a mission program which includes all the world in two words. These words are 'Cooperative Program' the designation which for the past 42 years has been given to the convention's world mission budget. Many believe that it is one of the most far-reaching and effective missionary programs in the world today."

1968

"Think of the meaning of a gift through the Cooperative Program. It means that we stand beside, and hold up the hands of, preachers, both missionary and native, as they preach in pulpits around the world; we help build churches, schools, seminaries, hospitals and publishing houses on all continents; we help provide the Bible and other Christian literature for people in 69 nations; we provide training for preachers and teachers to serve in the

churches in these lands; we preach by radio and television to people in many language groups; we stand beside doctors and nurses as they minister to the sick and afflicted, and give them the hospital buildings and clinics in which to do their work; we help support more than 2300 fellow Baptists who have answered God's call to give their lives in foreign mission service and other thousands who have heard God's call out on these mission fields. All of this, and much more, we do as we make a gift to this great mission offering."

1969

"The Cooperative Program, since its inception on 1925 has given emphasis to all of the needs of man. Throughout its history there has been a threefold emphasis on preaching, teaching, and healing. It is fitting when that the word Concern is the theme for 1970. Baptists are concerned about all of the people of the world. Through the Cooperative Program they can preach and minister to these people everywhere, both in America and to the ends of the earth."

1970

"In hundreds of places I have seen Cooperative Program dollars at work. And because I have, I am humbly grateful that God allows me to give through the Cooperative Program. I know that it works. I have watched it."

1971

"A perfect program? Of course, the Cooperative Program is not perfect! Nor is my church! Nor is my own Christian witness! But even if there are some minor objectionable things which may receive support because I give to the Cooperative Program, these are so insignificant when compared with the tremendous world program that I do approve, that I am not going to allow the other things to keep me from doing what I know God wants me to do in this world witness. I shall continue to try to remove the objectionable things when they arise, but I will not let them deprive me of the larger opportunity. I believe in the Cooperative Program. I shall continue to support it in every way and to the fullest extent that I am able."

1972

"Baptist people will support the Cooperative Program if they understand it. Let us earnestly pray that the day may come when every member of every Baptist church will be helping give the whole gospel to the whole world through the Cooperative Program."

EDUCATION...what's happening

EDUCATION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Edwin O. Reischauer is a professor of history at Harvard, and former American Ambassador to Japan. In a new book, "Toward the 21st Century: Education for a Changing World," he revives the question H. G. Wells raised in the twenties. How are we to educate for the future rather than for the past?

"We need," he says, "a profound reshaping of education if mankind is to survive in the sort of world that is fast evolving..."

"While the world is becoming a single great global community, it retains attitudes and habits more appropriate to a different technological age... Before long, humanity will face many grave difficulties that can only be solved on a global scale. Education, however, as it is presently conducted in this country, is not moving rapidly enough in the right direction to produce the knowledge about the outside world and the attitudes toward other peoples that may be essential for human survival within a generation or two. This, I feel, is a much greater international problem than the military balance of power that absorbs so much of our attention today."

EDUCATION NOW BIGGEST

U. S. ENTERPRISE

A record \$96.7 billion in government and private funds will be spent for educating about 59 million students this year, making education the nation's largest enterprise, the U.S. Office of Education said recently.

"Education will be the principal occupation of 30 percent of the population," said John R. Ottina, commissioner of education. "In fact, education may now be considered the nation's largest enterprise in terms of the number of people involved and the number of dollars expended."

The agency's back-to-back school statistical report said the \$96.7 billion in total spending for education during this school year, up from \$89.4 billion last year, amounts to 8 percent of the Gross National Product. It estimated 59 million students enrolled in schools and colleges this fall and nearly three million persons were involved in classroom instruction.

Elementary school enrollment continues to decline because there are fewer children in the five to thirteen age group, the report said. But it predicted a continued rise in high school enrollment and a small increase in college enrollment.

Why wait until you are dead to come to church?

Self-restraint is the flange that keeps character on the track.

It is work that keeps faith sweet and strong.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their Church.



Close By

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Merry Christmas!

Dear Friend:

The staff of New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service along with seamen from around the world would like to wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

If we seem a little early with this it is only because we want to offer you the privilege of sharing joy and peace with our friends of the sea.

On Saturday, December 22, we will have our ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY for the seamen in the activities building of Gentilly Baptist Church. Every seaman who is in the Port of New Orleans on that night will be invited. This gives us a chance to share the true meaning of Christmas with many friends of all nations.

For several years we have used this method of sharing Christ during the Christmas Season and have found it to be very effective. At the party we have recreation, fellowship, refreshments and close with a Worship Period in as many languages as the group requires. As they leave each seaman is given a personal gift and a Bible or Testament in his own language.

We would like again this year to offer you the opportunity of sharing your blessings and Christian love with these men by sending the gifts to be presented to them.

Each year we use approximately 3,000 gifts throughout the Christmas season. For two weeks before the annual Christmas party and through the rest of the holiday season we have caroling groups on the docks, smaller parties aboard the ships and at the night of the big party and on Christmas Day.

The gifts you send could be any of the things you would give the men of your family for Christmas...toilet articles, table games, socks, handkerchiefs, tie bars or tacks, or other similar items. We prefer that gifts not be gift wrapped; however, if you want to include the wrapping paper and ribbons this would be good. Many times in packing and mailing the wrappings are damaged.

You might prefer to help purchase the Bibles or to have us purchase gift items locally. If so please designate your check "Christmas".

We appreciate your help in this effort as well as throughout the year. Please continue to pray for and support Seamen's Service. John P. Vanderhook, Director New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service 2610 Dreux Ave. New Orleans, La. 70122

On The MORAL SCENE...

Crime in the U. S. — "Crime in the United States, as measured by the Crime Index offenses, declined one percent during the first six months of 1973 compared to the same period in 1972. The violent crimes as a group were up four percent. Murder was up nine percent, forcible rape and aggravated assault up eight percent, and robbery increased one percent. The property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, and auto theft as a group decreased two percent. Larceny-theft decreased three percent and auto theft declined one percent, while the crime of burglary increased one percent. Cities having 100,000 or more inhabitants reported a four percent decrease in the volume of Crime Index offenses. Crime in the suburban area continued to increase with a rise of four percent. Crime in the rural areas was up seven percent. Geographically, crime increased one percent in the Southern States. The North Central States reported no change in the volume of crime compared to the first six months of 1972. The Northeastern States reported a one percent decreased and the Western States a five percent decrease." — (By Clarence M. Kelley, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation)

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ability to function as a responsible person. In order of harmful impact — including physical damage and psychological and socio-economic disruption — the CMA lists these 'drugs of abuse': alcohol, barbiturates, amphetamines, heroin, cocaine, hallucinogens, marijuana and hashish, solvents and tobacco." — (The Atlanta Journal, September 22, 1973)



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Children go through a lot of agony. I remember one of the most agonizing experiences of all childhood was the ordeal of "choosing up sides" for all the games we played — Red Rover, Lemonade, London Bridge, and the like.

All these games required even sides to begin with, and the custom in our town, probably like in most every other tiny town in America, was that two people were selected, after much wrangling and politicking, to be the leaders, and they had the important task of choosing the sides.

If I were one of the leaders, I would put the others through the same tense waiting I had endured many times at the hand of each of them — taking forever to decide whom to choose first, then second, and until everyone had been chosen.

If I stood waiting to be chosen, I kept hoping to be the first or whatever choice was next in line. If the game required running, I was usually the first chosen because my legs got long before I got very old. Other games at which I had no special ability found me along toward the end of the chosen, unless my best friend did the choosing. In that case, friendship was thicker than the ability.

Nevertheless, whatever my time of being chosen, whenever I was chosen, custom also decreed that I go and stand behind the one who had chosen me. There was to be no doubt about the team I was on, and all during the game, there was no doubt about the team I was on because of my participation for the well-being of that team.

Just as it was necessary for me to signify my willingness to be a part of the team which had chosen me for these childhood games, it has been necessary all my adult life to signify my willingness to be a part of the team which chose me long before the world even was. Christ chose me, but I had had to indicate my willingness to accept His choice of me, and I was instructed to confess Him and to indicate my willingness to accept His choice of me as one of His team.

There are so many other forces at work in the world trying to get people to join their sides, that I decided it is good for me to remind myself real often about which team I belong to, why I belong to it, and why it will ultimately walk off with the blue ribbon.

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N. O. Seminary Coed Serves Drunks

By Marion Harvey Carroll

They sit in a circle, the ten men and the girl. Nine of the men are alcoholics.

"How do you feel about it, Henry?" she asks. The encounter group has been discussing one of its drop-outs. "How do you feel when a man who's been stable for the past few months comes in and tells how great it is to be sober — and then goes back to drinking? Can you trust anyone?"

"It depends on the person," replies Henry, a middle-aged man with glasses. "Maybe the other person had too much confidence in himself."

A new member of the group, Danny, responds: "Sobriety is a shaky ground." He relates his efforts to help himself and his failures. "I'm 6-foot-2, and I weigh 145 pounds. I used to weigh 190," he remarks ruefully.

The female counselor congratulates Danny on his personal comment. "This is how the group works," she says. "You talk about yourself, then you try to help each other."

A student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by morning, Dr.

Carol McCall sheds her student status four afternoons a week to don the role of alcoholic counselor. She is the first and only woman counselor at the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, the six-story mission nestles two blocks off busy Canal Street in the city's heartland. There Carol and a staff of five other counselors minister to society's outcasts, the drunks of "the kid row."

The man, whose median age is 35.6 years, come from various places and backgrounds. Their common problem is alcoholism; their common goal, sobriety.

"Why do you want to be sober, Smiley?" Carol asks in a group session.

"There's no future in being drunk."

"Why not?" persists the white-pantsued counselor.

"I ain't lost my pride yet," Smiley responds. "When I'm drunk, no one wants to be around me but another drunk."

Helping Smiley and others like him

to conquer their dependence upon alcohol is Carol's goal. The successes, however, are few. Of the 30 men enrolled in the mission's three-month program, only three percent, statistically speaking will be able to maintain sobriety.

How do the men relate to a woman counselor?

According to Carol's co-leader, Tom Dobson, her presence is "healthy for the men. Most alcoholics have a poor female image in their past."

Mr. Dobson commends her work, adding, "She's a fine Christian."

Unlike most of the seminary students, Carol is a relatively new Christian, having been converted in 1969.

Brought up in the church by Baptist parents, she dropped out during her teen years. "I was more interested in sorority life," she confides with a smile.

Having earned a B.S. degree in education and an M.A. in speech pathology from the University of Nebraska, Carol left her native state in 1969 to seek a Ph.D. degree in speech pathology.

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Carol leads group therapy sessions as a profession, but when she chats with Wallace Davis it's purely for pleasure. They plan to be married next June. Davis is completing work on a master of theology degree at the seminary and is planning a career in the area of mental health. He is a graduate of Samford University.

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Student Convention

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at 7:00 p.m. Friday and adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

There will be a reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper and Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly at the close of the Friday evening session.

Other features will include special music at general sessions by BSU choirs from over the state, summer missions reports, conferences on timely subjects led by outstanding leaders and business session.

Conference subjects and leaders will be as follows:

"Distinctive Baptist Doctrines," Dr. Kelly; Christianity and Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses etc., "and "Spreading the Good News Through Home Missions," Dr. Iglesias; "Spreading the Good News Through Foreign Missions" and "Christianity and the Eastern Religions," Rev. Thomas E. Thurman, Missionary to Bangladesh; "The Holy Spirit as My Enabler to Live the Good News," Dr. Harold T. Kitchens, Dr. Ezell.

pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko; "The Church — Spreader of Good News," Rev. Larry Fields, pastor, First Baptist Church, Summit; "Good News — Christ's Second Coming," Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible, Blue Mountain College; "Church and State — Are They — Can They Be — Should They Be Separate?" Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention; "How Does the Southern Baptist Convention Work?" Mr. Cooper; "What Do You Mean — Men and Women Are Equal?" Mrs. Spain; "Prayer and Bible Study as Means to Discovering God's Will," Wayne Barber, activities director, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; "Dating, Courtship, and Marriage," Mr. and Mrs. Nutt; State Officers and Local BSU Presidents and Directors, Miss Nell Magee, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Developing Bible Study Groups and Directors, Dr. Ezell.

Special Ministries: Cooperative Program At Work

The Last Resort-- A Tourist Ministry

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. — If the annual Southern Baptist Convention wanted to meet here, the town could easily house 10,000 people. In fact, this eastern Montana community has just built its 102nd motel. That's more than one motel for every seven residents.

But the summer season's too crowded for the SBC to meet in West Yellowstone, because millions of tourists come to Yellowstone National Park.

"And there's no place to meet unless we have it in the winter at the airport with the people standing hip deep in the snow," says Byron Banta, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church.

Holding a religious convention in a town like West Yellowstone could show residents of the town and of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention that the Baptist church there is a part of the largest non-Catholic denomination in the United States. It could reciprocally show other Southern Baptists what can be done in a small town with only one Southern Baptist church, in a large state with only 35 Southern Baptist churches, in a fledgling state convention, Northern Plains, with only 87 churches.

Located at the west gate of Yellowstone Park, the town's population swells to nearly 3,000 during the summer months, with college students working the tourist industry.

"Summers, it's every man for himself," says Banta, who has pastored there for more than three years, "but in the winter the place dwindles to about 700 people and there's a real sense of community."

Banta has been one of the reasons for it. Early last spring, before a municipal election for mayor and councilmen, he started town meetings.

"Nobody wanted to campaign," recalls Banta, "because they liked being elected by the 'good-old-boy' network." Organized officially by the American Legion, of which Banta is a member, the town meetings gathered people at the school where each candidate made a campaign speech. The whole town turned out.

"It was healthy for us," says Banta. "Byron had more fun than at Bible school," adds his wife Shirley.

Winter is also a time for church growth, says Banta. "We had a Lay Evangelism School last winter; 20 completed the course," he reports.

With a resident membership of about 50, West Yellowstone's only Baptist church gets a boost in attendance during the tourist season. "We had 160 in the service the first Sunday in June," says Banta.

"We need to find a handle on the tourist ministry," he adds. The typical tourist, Banta says, gets a room in town, spends the evening walking around, and leaves for Yellowstone Park the next morning. Banta wants to reach the tourists during that one-night stand.

Last summer the church gave away

1,000 copies of *Good News for Modern Man* in tract racks at the airport, in the bus station and in two laundromats. This summer they gave away 2,300. The church's name was stamped in the book, but Banta says no one called as a result. Proprietors report mostly adults take the testaments.

With the help of the youth of Second Baptist Church, Baytown, Tex., Banta also set up a large circus tent in a vacant lot in the middle of town. The youth performed live music, operated a Christian book stall, showed *Jot* cartoons (produced by the SBC Radio and TV Commission), and gave puppet shows.

A Christian concert at the town's small convention center attracted 150 people — half of them residents. The tent crew saw four professions of faith that week.

"The kids' performances suggested a permanent drawing card which could be implemented with enough funds," says Banta. "We could rent space downtown and operate an old-fashioned ice cream parlor — get a rinky-tin piano."

The operation would compete with few other entertainment attractions, which in West Yellowstone are limited to bars, one movie house, and two theatre summer stock companies. (One of the latter, the Play Mill Theatre, featured *Music Man*, performed by a group of Mormon students.)

Banta must make his contacts before the people get into the park, because regulations inhibit religious activities inside and all Christian witness is correlated through "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks," an organization which hires several hundred Christian summer workers who hold vespers and other worship services.

Becky Williams and Beth Connor gathered more than 125 people for three different campfire services they held weekly in the campgrounds. They preceded Ann Perry, a US-2 missionary assigned to Banta at West Yellowstone, to carry on Sunday night campfire services.

Outside the park in the numerous campgrounds, however, rules are more flexible. Owners allowed the two student summer missionaries assigned to Banta at West Yellowstone, to carry on Sunday night campfire services.

The Bantas came three years ago from Ft. Polk, La. Byron, 38, had been an Army chaplain. He also had pastored earlier in Glasgow, Mont., where he met Shirley who was serving there in summer missions.

An M.R.E. student at New Orleans Seminary in the mornings, Dr. Carol McCall spends her afternoons as the only woman counselor for chronic alcoholics at the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans. Here she listens intently to a group rap session, in which the members serve as mirrors to reflect each other's behavior.

ices in their spare time. (Joel Land of the Home Mission Board's Department of Special Mission Ministries is on the board of directors for "A Christian Ministry.")

Individual religious groups cannot pass out literature or do any proselyting other than an occasional theatrical performance. As Banta says, "It wouldn't be ethical to go crashing in there like a bunch of pagans."

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With church pastoral aid from the HMB, the Bantas live in the mobile home formerly used as the church building. The current church building was built by a group of laymen organized by E. A. Herron, former manager of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Though Banta feels that the church had a good reputation in the town when he came, people are still dubious of his tenacity. The first pastor stayed nine months, the second only three months.

"A lot of people have a wait-and-see attitude," says Banta. One of the townspeople recently asked him, "Are you going to be leaving pretty soon?"

But Banta doesn't mind people doubting his permanence — he's getting to know virtually everyone in West Yellowstone, and he says, "You have to earn the right to minister to people."

It's going to be fun to watch and see how long the meek can keep the earth after they inherit it.

Once there was a perfect marriage; he was deaf and she was dumb.

The Mathematics Club, under the leadership of president Paul McCoy of Jackson, is spearheading the scholarship effort. Professor Strange served as sponsor for the club for many years.

According to McCoy, the recipient of the scholarship will be an incoming junior or senior mathematics major, active in the Mathematics Club, who exhibits academic excellence in mathematics and individual concern for his fellow students.

Nominations for the scholarship will be taken by club members and faculty members in the mathematics department, with the final choice being made by the faculty group and the seniors in the club.

The memorial scholarship is being established because of Mr. Strange's long and distinguished career in the math department; his loyalty and devotion to his students, the department and the institution; and his influence exerted on the lives of his former students as exhibited by their careers.

Mr. Strange joined the Mississippi College faculty in 1943 and for several years during his career was the only professor in the mathematics department.

McCoy said any former mathematics major or former student at Mississippi College who would like to make a contribution to the fund can do so by sending their checks to him in care of the Mathematics Club, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., 39058.

participate in the State Festival. Judges will determine top groups to be selected to sing for the Youth Convention.

Anyone desiring further information concerning the 1973 Youth Choral Festivals should write to Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Beulah Homecoming

Beulah Church, Holmes County, will observe homecoming day on Sunday, October 21. Rev. Joe Hill, pastor, will bring the morning message.

Dinner will be served at the church, followed by singing in the afternoon.

Mrs. Grady Harris, Charter Member Of Daniel, Dies

Mrs. Grady Harris, 76, died in Jackson October 4. Funeral services were held at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home on October 6.

Rev. Byron Malone, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, officiated, assisted by Dr. Allen Webb and Dr. W. R. Haynie.

The former Elizabeth Barfield, she was born in Texas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Claude Barfield, along with one sister, Philia; and three brothers, Mills, Homer and Dolph.

At the age of 20 she married Grady Mathis Harris and bore two sons, Jack and Robert Rivers. She and her husband lived most of their 56 years together as leaders in the Leavell Woods community of Jackson. They were charter members of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, this fellowship having its first meeting in the living room of their home.

Mrs. Harris, along with her family, worked untiringly in this church all her days until the time her illness prevented it. She was a Sunday School teacher, member of the church choir, WMU president, and served in every phase of leadership activity in her church. She was also active in associations and state Baptist affairs.

She worked as assistant librarian for the Hinds County and Regional Library Service for many years, driving the Bookmobile into the nooks and corners of five counties delivering reading materials to countless numbers of friends.

A resolution offered as a tribute to her stated, "Her life of service to her fellow man is a Christian testimony. Those who knew her in life, as a gracious woman, beautiful in face and character, a perfect companion to her husband, a beloved mother to her children, rise to call her blessed, cherish her dear memory and know that heaven is sweeter for her presence."

Survivors include her husband, two sons, and three grandchildren.



Byron Banta, pastor of the only Southern Baptist church in West Yellowstone, Mont., directs the setting up of a tent to attract tourists as they arrive to go into

Yellowstone National Park. —(HMB story and photo by Tim Nicholas)

Radio-TV Commission—The Cooperative Program At Work



Paul M. Stevens has been called many names in his time.

The energetic president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has been called things like "man with a mission," "minister of the masses," "evangelist of the air waves" and "a pioneer in religious programming for radio and television."

They all fit the activities generated by his energy, vision and creativity.

He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Ada, Okla., back in 1963 when he was elected director of the Radio and Television Commission. The title —not

the duties — was changed to president in 1972.

Dr. Stevens will be honored Oct. 23 at a special anniversary dinner during the fall meeting of the Radio and Television Commission's board of trustees. The dinner, to be at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth, will also be attended by the city's business and civic leaders as well as Commission staff members and their families.

But don't expect maudlin speeches, gold watches, or tottering out to pasture. The anniversary is a milestone, not the end of the road.

They have been several milestones since Paul Stevens took a little-known

Baptist agency and, in 20 years, gathered around him a staff of employees who helped him build it into one of the world's largest producers of religious programming for broadcasting on public service time.

It was called the Southern Baptist Radio Commission when Dr. Samuel Lowe, its founder and first director, died in 1962. A year earlier, "The Baptist Hour" had begun to be transcribed and circulated to independent stations for free public service broadcasting. It was heard on 325 radio stations.

"I recognize Dr. Lowe's vision and dream of using the airwaves as an ex-

pecting new method of spreading the Gospel, and I stood on his shoulders to build for the future," Dr. Stevens said.

"In those early days when I was learning about broadcasting any way I could, I never passed a radio station antenna anywhere without stopping and asking the manager what we could do to help him with his programming."

That attitude has paid off. Today many small radio and television stations across the country consider the Radio and Television Commission their "without portfolio" religious department. The latest figures for 1972

indicate that Radio and Television Commission programming was given more than \$



UNION CHAPEL (Lee): Sandra Cannon, Tania Prude, Nancy Cannon, Sharon Whittaker. Not pictured: Mrs. Albert Vandevander and Mrs. Danny Wiemon, leaders.



FIRST CHURCH, COFFEYVILLE (Yalobusha): Ben Pace, Jill Arrington, Lori Brower, Renee Fly, Myra Clay, and Mrs. Ruth Ellett, leader.



IMMANUEL CHURCH, GREENWOOD (Leflore): Stephen Hunt, Stanley Acy, Ann Matthews, Patricia Hunt, and Melanie Taylor. Not pictured: Mrs. Dolly McBride and Mrs. Retia Dukes, leaders.



MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, GLOSTER (Amite): Front row: Robert Short, Glynn Forman, Keith Steele, Mary Ann Toney, and Carla Steele. Back row: Rev. Terry Johnston (pastor), Onita Hollingsworth, Helen Huff, and Nessie Rollins — leaders. Not pictured, Ken Freeman.



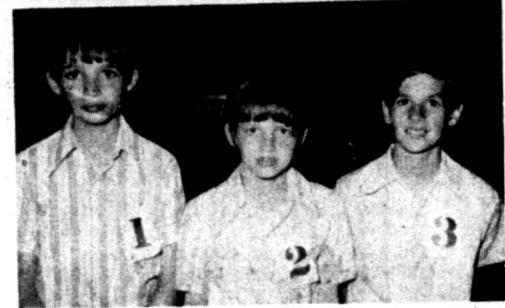
LONGVIEW HEIGHTS (DeSoto): J. Lee Taylor, Lynn Hunter, Pam Moore, Laurie Hunter, John Tyler, Lisa Tyler, Cindy Riley, and Kenny Hall. The adult leader pictured is Yvonne Taylor. Not pictured are Tommy Barkley and adult leader, Mary John Tyler.



CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBIA (Marion): David Wiggins, Denise Adams, Daniel Wiggins, and Anita Wilson.



FIRST CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS (Jackson Association): Mrs. G. E. Hodge, leader, Nanette Hodge and Betty Taylor.



FIRST CHURCH, PEARL (Rankin): Steve Ming, Richard King, and Richard Rieger. Not pictured are the following leaders: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAlpin, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leach, Mrs. Anthony Box, and Henry Patrick.

1973 Participants In The Children's Bible Drill, Church Training Department

Pictured on this page are groups of children who participated in the 1973 Children's Bible Drills. Many of them were state winners.

The Children's Bible Drill is an activity of the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. It is planned for Children 9-11 years of age, or in grades 4-6.

The purpose of the drill is to increase each participant's knowledge of God's word and to lead him in the development of skill in the effective handling of the Bible. It is an effort to help directors and leaders of Children's Departments in the area of Bible activities and to provide some added incentive for children to participate in them.

Verbs used in this drill have been especially selected by pastors, educational workers, and children's workers. These were asked to search the Bible for verses of scripture that would have meaning to older children. One-third of the total verses selected is used in the drill each year.

Children who participate in this drill must memorize the suggested verses and also learn how to find these verses quickly in their Bible.

They must be able to locate certain key passages of the Bible.

Some Children's Department leaders use part of the time in the department on Sunday night to help boys and girls learn the material for this drill. Some churches elect a special person to work with boys and girls in this drill. One method of Bible activity recommended is the Bible Drill. The real preparation for participation in this drill should be with parents at home and with department leaders in training sessions at times other than Sunday night.

Youth Bible Drill Bibles, 4210-06, available from the Baptist Book Store, should be used for all drills when possible. This is a hard-back Bible with pages which are easy to turn.

Boys and girls who are classified by their church as nine, ten, or eleven years of age for the church year or who are classified as fourth, fifth, or sixth graders for the church year may participate.

Any boy or girl eligible by age, who is physically handicapped in any way, is encouraged to participate in the drill. A method of participation will be worked out for these boys and girls to fit their individual needs.

Participants who do not make more

than twelve mistakes in the Church Drill may advance to the Association Drill.

Participants who do not make more than eight mistakes in the Association Drill may advance to the State Drill.

Participants who do not make more than four mistakes in the State Drill are state winners.

State finals in 1974 will be held at First Church, Grenada, May 6, at 4:30 p.m.; First, Meridian, on May 7 at 4:30 p.m.; Main Street, Hattiesburg, May 9, at 4:30 p.m.; First, Pontotoc, on May 10 at 4:30 p.m.;

"While most institutions do get some private or designated contributions from persons interested in their special causes, the primary source of support for the Southern Baptist Convention agencies in general is the Cooperative Program. A few years from now (1975) this marvelous method of missionary and educational funding will be celebrating fifty years of success as a matchless means for carrying out the worldwide objectives imposed upon local congregations by New Testament guidelines and teaching."

—James L. Sullivan

and May 11 at Robinson Street Church, Jackson, at 2 p.m.

Each participant in the Association or State Drill is awarded a certificate if he does not already have one. Seals imprinted "Church Winner," "Associational Winner," and "State Winner" are awarded to designate the achievement of the participant. Participants will be awarded only one seal each year designating their highest achievement for that year. Certificates have space for three seals, one for each of the years a boy or girl is eligible to participate.

The types of drills include Verse Drill, Book Drill, Key Passage Drill, and Unfinished Quotation Drill.

For other information concerning the Children's Bible Drill (such as scoring, drill procedure, verses to be memorized, etc.) write Kermit King, director, Church Training Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

(Note: Pictures on this page are representative of those in the state who participated in the Bible drills this year. Other pictures of similar groups will not be printed until after the 1974 state finals have been completed.)



FIRST CHURCH, MERIDIAN (Lauderdale): Joey Scarborough, Laurie McCubbin, Patricia Padouk, Kindy Pixley, and Steve Hopper.



ECRU CHURCH (Pontotoc): Front row: Pasty Ball, Danny McGee, Todd Willis and Lisa Wilder. Back row: Regina Mounce, Lela Moreland, Kevin Pitts, and Tonia Browning. Not pictured are the leaders: Mrs. Cora Etta Browning, Mrs. Charlotte Flaherty, Mrs. Sammie Lane Pitts, Wayne Pitts, and Dr. James Speck.



HARMONY (Winston): Front row: Renee Parkes, Jane Jones, Lynette Goodin. Second row: Joe Palmer, Melissa Williamson, Sara Jo Goodin, and Glenn Jones. Third row: J. D. Gregory (Church Training Director), Gale Gregory, Bobby McLellan, Rev. Tommy Jones (pastor), Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lovorn, leaders. Not pictured: Susan Bane and leaders Mrs. Frances Gregory and Mrs. Bobby McLellan.



NEW ZION (Leake): Carleen and Carla Jones (twins), and John Paul Jones.



FIRST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA (Neshoba): Standing: Kiri Moore and Melissa Weir. Seated: Mrs. Winnie Kingsberry, leader, and Martha Lewis.



FIRST CHURCH, GRENADE (Grenada Association): Carolyn McKay, Alisa Cottingham, Vickie Walters, Benny Edwards, Janine Colbert, and Celeste Corey. Miss Jennette Bellm, leader, back row.



GLADE CHURCH, LAUREL (Jones): Jamie Todd, Michelle Lewis, Warren Griffin, and Terrell Manuel. Not pictured is the leader, Ronald Manuel.

Clarke College Hosts Successful Guest Day

Music, conferences, information, fun, and chicken dinner were all part of the Fall Guest Day held on the campus of Clarke College, Saturday, October 6. According to figures released today by Admissions Director Mike Miller, 298 visitors registered and enjoyed a full day of activities.

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Parents were invited to a "Financial Questions and Answers" Conference

led by Clarke Business Manager Herbert Valentine.

An outstanding musical group from Meridian, "Reach Out" from Southside Church, under the direction of Minister of Music Danny Walker, presented contemporary religious music during the morning Singspiration period. The afternoon entertainment hour featured the Clarke College

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In 1966, "The Answer" — series of

decades. The 1964 St. Louis Convention added "television" to the Commission's title and granted permission for it to be moved to Fort Worth, Texas.

That move took place in June, 1965 when Dr. Stevens and two loyal fellow-laborers, Clarence Duncan and Betty Hanson, came to Fort Worth.

Mr. Duncan, now the Commission's Promotion Director, served as assistant to the director. Miss Hanson, Dr. Stevens' secretary, is now administrative assistant.

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"Because we consider ourselves

a part of the broadcast industry we feel it is important to encourage broadcasters to elevate the standards of their profession," said Dr. Stevens.

And, in Dr. Stevens' 20th year of service, the Radio and Television Commission has embarked on a Convention - approved fund - raising campaign designed to raise \$3 million for a Fort Worth studio and broadcast training center.

"When the studio is built there'll be additional programs to reach the world's millions for the Master," Dr. Stevens said.

All this from the drive and vision of a man who, when a boy, used to climb out the windows of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss., in order to play hookey from Sunday School.

A New Kind Of Life—Free But Still Bound

By Clifton J. Allen
Romans 6:1 to 7:25

Our larger lesson is Paul's clear and challenging exposition of Christian sanctification. Unfortunately, this doctrine is much misunderstood and seriously neglected. It should not be confused with extremes of emotionalism or claims of sinless perfection. A Christian is sanctified in the sense that he is set apart or dedicated to the purpose and service of God by his conversion experience.

And he ought to be in the process of becoming sanctified, that is, becoming more righteous, becoming more unselfish, becoming more victorious over sin, and becoming more unselfish, becoming more righteous over sin, and becoming more Christlike. This is the emphasis in this lesson. A new kind of life is both an obligation and a possibility. The conflict with sin will continue, but victory is possible through Christ.

The Lesson Explained

FREE IN CHRIST
Verses 1-14 of our larger Bible lesson must be considered as the background for our printed lesson text. Paul's emphasis on salvation by grace

caused his opponents to accuse him of encouraging Christians in sin — saying, if sin abounds, grace will abound more. This is illogical and absurd, as Paul points out. He uses Baptism to illustrate the point. Baptist represents a believer's confession of having died to sin and of having been raised up spiritually to a new life. It is therefore a confession of spiritual regeneration. Beyond this, the experience of grace is a fact in Christian experience. A death to sin has taken place. New life has come within the heart. It has new moral quality and new moral power. It is on this basis that a new kind of life is expected to result from regeneration through the power of God's Spirit. Grace does not encourage sin. Instead, it encourages righteousness. But still the Christian must recognize his moral obligation not to yield to the lusts of the flesh. We are not under law but under grace. Hence, we are under the imperative of grace to resist evil, to follow after righteousness, and to strive to be well-pleasing to the Lord.

SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (vv. 15-23)

The Christian is free but still bound. He is a slave of righteousness because he is a servant of God through Christ. Just as a slave serves one

master, the Christian serves his new master, Christ. Before conversion, the Christian was a slave of sin. Now that he has renounced sin as master and chosen righteousness, he has committed himself to be a slave of righteousness. When we become Christians we commit ourselves to a new way of

living, to be obedient from the heart to Christ the Lord and to his teaching. The motivation for Christian sanctification, therefore, is inward. The law is now written on the heart and in the mind (Heb. 10:16). Now that we have become slaves of Christ in a voluntary commitment to him,

we have renounced the ways of wickedness, of which we are now ashamed, and we have embraced the way of righteousness with holiness in the sight of God as our goal.

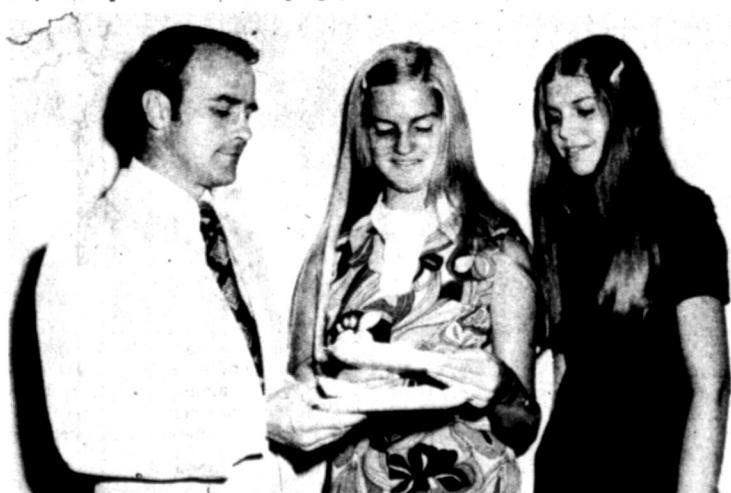
THE NEVER-ENDING STRUGGLE

To understand the truth of this lesson in full perspective, we must consider the truth in chapter 7 of our larger Bible lesson. As we live the Christian life, we are engaged in a never-ending struggle with sin. Paul seems to recount his own experience. The law of God serves the purpose of pointing out sin. It helps us to become aware of our sins and may even arouse sinful passions in doing so. However, the law of God is meant to be a means of indicating the conscience and making us aware of moral duty and spiritual need. So fierce is the continuing struggle with evil that we do what we know we should not do and do not do things we know we should do. In reality, the struggle is between the new nature redeemed by Christ and the old fleshly nature. Satan never gives up in pressing temptation upon us. Paul almost reached the point of despair, feeling as though he were chained to a corpse from which he could not be delivered. But then his near despair gave place to a declaration of certain faith and victory: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (v. 25). We can never achieve sinless perfection. But we can achieve moral victory over severest temptation through Christ living in us.



Student Groups Visit Baptist Building

Groups of ministerial students from two Baptist colleges in the state recently visited Baptist interests in Jackson and are seen, along with some leaders from the Baptist Building. Top photo shows the group from Mississippi College, taken in the lobby. They were under direction of Dr. Norman O'Neal, head of the Department of Religious Education at the school. In lower picture is seen the group from Wm. Carey College, taken in front of building. They were led by Dr. Joel Ray, head of the Department of Religious Education at the college. They made the visit as a part of the 'in-service' training sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Convention Board, of which Dr. Foy Rogers is director. Therman Bryant, department associate, is responsible for this program.



Annual Family Night At Lowrey Memorial

In fall harvest season, members of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, honor students of Blue Mountain College with a family night dinner. Local families adopt students as members of their church family, enjoy the dinner with them, worship with them at mid-week prayer service, and frequently invite them to their homes. At left, is Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, handing plates to freshmen, Guy Dakin, center, and Gerry Jones.



Alexander Memorial Begins Brick Building

Alexander Memorial Church, at James near Hollandale, broke ground September 9 for a modern brick building that will house a sanctuary plus space for educational and recreational facilities. Building Committee, above, front row: B. A. Naron, E. E. Gafford, Sr., H. T. Cochran, Rev. Buddy Hampton, pastor, Lyda Siddon, and (not pictured) J. E. Bratton.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Using My Bible As An Aid In Witnessing

By Bill Duncan

Did you say that you wanted to be a witness, but did not know what to say? The reason I thought you might have said that is that most people think like that.

The New Testament provides us ways of understanding and speaking about the salvation which God has given us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, if we learn to tell about what the New Testament says we will be witnessing. Every Christian needs to know how to use the Scriptures in witnessing. There are several things a Christian can do to gain such knowledge.

First, the witness should become a Bible reader. In order for the person to know what the scriptures say, he needs to put them in proper context. A person may read three chapters a day and complete the entire New Testament in a short time. Reading the Bible regularly would be an excellent discipline to witnessing.

Second, the witness should become a student of the Bible. The Bible is written so that the truth must be discovered by effort and searching. This is no child's book. The themes are adult: sin, forgiveness, death, and resurrection. Most people do not understand the Bible because they do not ask for help, for many reasons, and they do not have the tools to use in discovering the truth. You need a Bible Dictionary and other books.

Third, the witness needs to learn to use a few scriptures well. Ken Chafin says "A person needs to know four things about any scripture he uses."

(1) "He needs to know where it is found."

The person who uses the scripture needs to be able to turn in the Bible to the verses with a sense of security. Many witnesses have been embarrassed because they could not find the verse to explain an idea.

(2) "He needs to learn exactly what the scripture says."

Familiarity with the verse begins by knowing what the words mean. In Rom. 6:23 the word "wages" is used in the King James Version. I have found many children that do not know what wages are, the reason being we do not use the term very much. Therefore explanation is needed.

(3) "A person should learn to put the main point of the verse into his own words."

What does the scripture mean to you? Under the inspiration and proper guidance much can be expressed about the Bible that would not be imagined.

(4) "In using any portion of Scripture, it is important to remember that the Bible is not a magical book."

It is the scripture properly understood and communicated by the Holy Spirit that produces results. Words are not enough; they are not magic.

The experienced witness may use many verses to explain God's gift of salvation. Some may use so many that confusion may follow. However,

the inexperienced witness may not know any verses to use. Therefore, we want to explain a few for any to begin using in their witness.

The book of Romans is an excellent book to use because of the truth it teaches about salvation and the arrangement of the subjects. By using the verses of the lesson, one is more than using proof texts. He is also presenting vital truths of the Gospel.

Begin with Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (KJV). This says that all men have rejected the ways of God and have chosen to be their own bosses, and the result is that they have become less than what God would have them to be. This is the reason salvation is necessary. Sin is unbelief in God's truth and disobedience to Him.

Next Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." This states what will happen to us if we continue in our sin. The death referred to here is spiritual death which is separation from God. Sin separates ties between God and man. Sin makes us insensitive to God's will and to his working in the world.

Next Romans 5:8 tells of God's love for us: "But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (KJV). Even though man is separated from God by his sin against God, he is still the object of God's love; and to prove it God sent his son to die for us."

Then, Romans 10:9-10 tells how man is to respond to God's love: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in

thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (KJV). This passage tells (1) what must be believed, (2) what the confession of one's life must be and (3) what God gives to man.

To help the convert have assurance, read to him Romans 8:38-39. Romans 12:1-2 tells about the life the Christian should live.

There are many excellent reasons for using the scripture in witnessing. God has promised to use and bless his word. (Isa. 55:10-11). God's word produces conviction for sin. God's word produces conviction for sin. God's word produces faith, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). God's word is the means used by the Holy Spirit

to regenerate us. "The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

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Names In The News



Mrs. Barbara L. Hamilton wrote the General Assembly Programs for the October, November, and December issues of *Church Training*. The programs are in the General Administration Section of the monthly magazine. Mrs. Hamilton is the wife of Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton, pastor of Highland Church, Meridian.

Tom Hearon, missionary journeyman, can be addressed at Colon 671, Martinez, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was born in New Orleans, La., and was graduated from Mississippi College.

Rev. Harry McGuffee, pastor of Northview Church, Brookhaven, is pictured presenting to **Millfred T. Malone** a certificate of license to the full gospel ministry. The presentation was made on October 8, Mr. Malone, who lives in the New Sight community, is available for supply, evangelistic, or pastoral work. He may be reached at Route 2, Box 299B, Weston, Ms. (telephone Brookhaven 833-8615).

Mary Margaret Ball is the new minister of music at First Church, Houlka. A graduate of Blue Mountain College with a major in voice, she previously served as summer minister of music at a church in Nashville, Tenn. She has conducted music in revivals and in many college activities. Though her hometown is Franklin, Tenn., her father at present serves a church in Lewisburg, Tenn. as minister of music. Also a music teacher in the Houlka School, Miss Ball has an apartment in the home of Mrs. Mack Reeder.

Miss Faye Pearson, missionary to Taiwan on furlough, has returned to the field (address: Box 00222, Kaohsiung 800, Taiwan, Republic of China). She is a native of Laurel.

Charles Sones is the new minister of music and youth at Harmony Church east of Picayune. Mr. Sones, pictured, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sones of Route 2, Picayune. A special honor graduate of Pearl River Junior College, he attended the University of Mississippi where he received a B. A. degree in speech and English in 1972 and M. A. in speech in 1973. At Ole Miss he was a member of the University Concert Singers and the University Dramatic Players and was active in Baptist Student Union. As former member of the trio, The Eternity's Sons, he has sung in

many places over the state and has made a stereo album, "I Believe." Previously he served as minister of music at Temple Heights Church, Oxford. He is currently attending New Orleans Seminary, seeking an MRE degree. There he is a member of the male choir, the Seminarians. Rev. David Sandifer is the Harmony pastor.

Mrs. W. F. Garrard of Fayette, was presented ten long-stemmed red roses from church members at Fayette church Sunday, Sept. 30. **Rev. Randy McHan**, pastor, made the presentation. Each rose represented one year of loyal service to her job as Sunday School secretary. Her record of attendance has been excellent. Mrs. Garrard, with appreciation in her eyes, said, "she did only what God expected of her."

Ira John Jones, pictured, has been licensed to preach by Gulfport Heights Church, Gulfport, Rev. Lester E. McNair, pastor. Mr. Jones is making plans to attend the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.

Butch White has received a nine-year pin and Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Reid, Jr. have received twelve-year pins for perfect attendance in Sunday school at Siloam Church, Clay County. Several others at Siloam earned pins for one to four years perfect attendance. Lacy Potter, Sunday school director, made the awards.

Mt. Moriah To Hear Clarke Student From Jordan

On October 21, Fawzy Shorosh, war refugee, from Jordan, will speak at Mt. Moriah Church, Lincoln County. He has an inspiring testimony that is especially interesting because of the present trouble in the Middle East.

Fawzy grew up in Nazareth, Israel, where he represented the Youth Communists. During the Six-Day War he found Jesus as his Savior and became a war refugee, suffering persecution because of his decision.

Presently, Fawzy is a student at Clarke College where he is preparing to be a medical missionary. The pastor, Rev. Larry Barlow, invites all friends to attend the 11:00 a.m. service.

Byram Homecoming

Byram Church Rev. H. J. Bennett, pastor, will have annual Homecoming October 21. Dinner will be served at the noon hour.

Mike Hennington will begin his work as music and youth director at the church on that day. He goes to Byram from Gateville Church.

During the last year Byram Church has added several new features. In addition to starting the bus ministry and Senior Citizens program, it has also started a Children's Church. Two new staff members have been added during the year, the youth pastor, Rick Kennedy, who came to Byram from Second Church, Raleigh, and a secretary, Mrs. Lou Lynchard.

Revival Dates

Hanging Moss Church, Jackson: Oct. 21 — Oct. 26; Rev. J. Ray Griswold, First Church, Philadelphia, evangelist; Tom Larimore, Jackson, music evangelist; regular services on Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday through Friday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; special each night Mon. — Fri., "The Gospel in Magic," at 7 p.m. for first through sixth grades; Dr. Robert Perry, pastor.

Mt. Vernon Church, Newton: Oct. 21-26; Rev. Billy Murphy, former pastor, evangelist; Rev. Ron Mercer, pastor, in charge of music; Mrs. Ron Mercer, pianist; Oct. 21 is homecoming day with dinner on the ground; services nightly at 7:30.

Rock Hill (Rankin): Oct. 21-24; services at regular hours Sunday and 7:30 each evening Monday through Wednesday; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Southside Church, Jackson, evangelist. Rev. W. J. Murray, pastor.

First Church, Byram: Oct. 21-25. Rev. Gary Googe of Natchez, evangelist; Harry Tillery of Byram, singer; Cyndi Loftin of Mississippi College, guest soloist; services Sunday at 11, and each evening at 7. Rev. Orvel E. Hooker, pastor.

When in doubt, tell the truth.

Turnip greens are better than nothing. Many people have tried both.

When a dog is smart, it's instinct in his master, it's intelligence.

Time is so powerful it is given to us only in small quantities.

Devotional

Weight Watchers

Job 31:6

By Bob Maddux, Pastor, Pelahatchie

Others often watch their weight better than I do. My wife and other friends often watch my weight better than I do. "Weight Watchers" has become a familiar slogan around our house and across our nation. Admittedly it does discourage and disgust me that I don't have enough sustained self-control. The only good thing I can say about my difficulty as a weight watcher is that it has given me some sympathy, toleration, and understanding of other people who have their own problems of self-control. This may have been one of the things our Lord meant when He talked about picking sawdust out of other people's eyes when they are pieces of lumber in our own eyes.

As important as proper physical weight is, an even more important question is, "What do you weigh spiritually?" Job said, "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity" (Job 31:6). Job's counterfeit comforters had been interpreting his troubles as a result of his disobedience and sins. His faith in a perfect God moved him to base his defense on this magnificent statement: "Let God weigh me in an even balance (that is, in scales that are perfectly balanced), and both you and God can examine my integrity."

Briefly, there are three sets of balances it would be wise for us to remember daily:

(1) How much do you weigh in your own private scales? Paul said, "Let a man examine himself." What about your "secret sins"? The true desires of your heart? What is the real motivation of your life? The primary purpose of your life? What you weigh in your own scales can bring you happiness or heartache, peace of mind or a troubled mind, self-respect or suicide, abundant life or a living death.

(2) How much do you weigh in the scales of others? These are the scales you cannot see but family and friends can. Our influence does show for better or for worse. We are to be responsible stewards of our Christian influence. The Christian life is supposed to attract, not repel. Are people blessed because they know you?

(3) How much do you weigh in the scales of God? These scales are of eternal importance and are the ones about which Job is talking. His desire was that God would weigh him in an even balance so that God might know his integrity. How many of us would want others to look at God's scales when we are put in that even balance? If God were to put us in His balances today and on the other side place what He has called us to become, what we should be, would there still be an even balance? God weighs the intangible,

ble, invisible things—such things as integrity, truthfulness, sincerity, courage, honesty, and especially faithfulness.

Would you hear the voice of God say, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" or "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"?

on a rehabilitation farm for addicts. Returning to Gainesville in the fall, she did post-doctoral work at the V. A. Hospital.

Her Christian commitment then led her in 1972 to New Orleans Seminary and the Baptist Rescue Mission, courtesy of the Home Mission Board.

Today, the teenager who preferred social to religious life surfaces in Carol's vivacious personality and her sense of humor.

Besides earning her M. R. E. degree, the attractive brownette will receive her M. R. S. degree next June, when she weds Wallace Davis of Andalusia, Ala., a Th.M. student at the seminary.

After their marriage the two plan to work together combining the fields of speech and mental health.

Every nation has the government it deserves.

The church needs workers, not a wrecking crew.

Clarke College - - -

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"C's" and Singers with the just released musical "Spirit of Seventy-Six."

The patriotic production has been written as a part of the celebration of the bicentennial of the United States in 1976. Buddy McElroy, Director of Musical Activities at Clarke, produced and staged the production.

Sixty-five alumni registered and participated in the semi-annual Alumni Meeting, held in conjunction with the Guest Day activities. Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke president, reported to the alumni on matters of importance concerning the Alumni Association, and reported that the Alumni Living Endowment Fund, still accepting charter membership, has already topped \$1300.

The first meeting of Clarke's area representatives was held during the morning of Guest Day. Six Clarke alumni who have agreed to serve the college as Area Representatives met to discuss recruiting efforts in their various areas.

nition of her service to the Sylvarena Church as the longest continuous resident church member, 63 years.

A. L. Lowery in recognition of his faithful service to Sylvarena as Church Treasurer for 26 years.

Jim Jackson for outstanding leadership in the commemoration of this 75th Anniversary.

A period of fellowship was held in the annex following the afternoon service.

Lunch was served in the fellowship hall of the church. In the afternoon Louis Reno, Jr., of Hazlehurst, brought a number of messages in song, as Mrs. A. A. Roebuck accompanied him on the piano.

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Sylvarena Celebrates 75th Year

Sylvarena Church celebrated 75 years of service Sunday, September 16. Rev. Robert Carlile brought the morning message. Mr. Carlile grew up in the Sylvarena Community and is a retired missionary now living in Ethel, Louisiana.

Malcolm Hutson of New Orleans led the singing. He is well known to Sylvarena, as he also grew up there.

Billy Hickman of Brookhaven brought a message in music.

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Sylvarena Church

Americans United Challenges New Hampshire Parochial

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE (SNS) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed suit on October 1 in federal district court in New Hampshire to stop the assigning of publicly paid teachers to teach in parochial schools in the city of Keene. The Americans United suit, filed by attorney Kenneth Scott of Nashua, charges that this parochial school aid plan violates the church-state separation guarantees of the First Amendment. A hearing on the suit will be held on October 12.

A similar parochial plan in Nashua, New Hampshire, was ruled unconstitutional on May 2, 1973, in another Americans United suit.

Paul Truitt Memorial Homecoming Oct. 21

The pastor and members of Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County, invite friends and former members to attend Homecoming service on Oct. 21. The guest speaker will be Rev. Clyde Jones who organized the church, September, 1946.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. The main event of the afternoon service will be special music by The Ambassadors, a group of musicians from local churches in this part of the state. "Especially is an invitation given to all charter members," says Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor.

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Would you hear the voice of God say, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" or "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"?

Pearl Valley Homecoming

Dr. Earl Kelly of Jackson, executive secretary-elect, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the 11 a.m. speaker for Homecoming Day at Pearl Valley Church on October 21, in Copiah County.

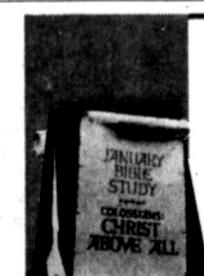
Rev. M. L. Douglas will bring the afternoon message following lunch at the church.

Pearlington Calls Pastor

Rev. J. L. Rasberry has resigned as pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Smithdale, to become pastor of First Church, Pearlington. He will move to Pearlington on October 20.

Mr. Rasberry, a native of Meridian, has been pastor of a number of churches in Mississippi and Louisiana. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Rubena Berry Harmon of Meridian.

January Bible Study Colossians: Christ Above All



The theme for the 1974 January Bible Study relates the supremacy of Christ over all creation — nature, nations, churches, and individuals. This study provides an excellent opportunity for church members to organize their Biblical knowledge through a survey of the entire book of Colossians.

Books for Study

Adult

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ABOVE ALL (Teaching Guide)

by Harold Sonier. Provides church curriculum for adult members and prospects to use primarily during the January Bible Study 1974 emphasis. An exposition treatment of the epistle. (Convention) \$1.00

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ABOVE ALL (Fellowship)

(Broadman) \$8.50

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ABOVE ALL (Cassette Tape)

(Broadman) \$6.00

COLOSSIANS: TEACHING RESOURCE KIT 1974

Kit contains a 60-minute cassette tape, filmclip, a multi-sided set of teaching notes, cassette tape, and instructions for using the kit most effectively. (Convention) \$6.00

Younger Children

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